GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF LOW QUALITY OF COAL BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding supply of low quality coal by Coal India Limited during the past few years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have fixed responsibility of anyone in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): It has been reported by Coal India Limited thatcomplaints regarding supply of low quality coal by different subsidiary companies are received. The details of complaints received from 1999-2000 to June 2002 are annexed.

(c)&(d): Coal India Limited management has taken remedial action in this regard by investigating each specified complaint and taking suitable preventive measures(.) Charge sheet/warning letters/transfer orders have been issued to the concerned persons.

(e): The following steps have been taken by Coal India Limited:

i) Shale/stone picking has been strengthened.

ii) Selective mining along with proper blasting producers/techniques is being done.

iii) Third Party/Joint Sampling has been introducedfor major consumers to avoid disputes and timely settlement of quality of coal supplied.

Annexure

The details of complaints received from 1999-2000 to June 2002

Company	99-2000	00-01	01-02	02-03	Total	Nature of Complaints
	(Upto June 02)					
ECL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
BCCL	4	5	5	4	18	Oversized coal extraneous materials.
CCL	-	-	-	-	-	A written complaint has been received in the vigilance Department of CCL on 31.7.2000 alleging supply of low quality coal by CCL to its consumers during the period 1998-2000 due to

							which the concerned customers refused to make payment of coal price to CCL and this raised disputes about payment of about Rs. 350 crores. The matter is being investigated by CIL management and if allegations are proved disciplinary action may be taken against guilty officials.
NCL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
WCL	5	5	7	3	20	Lumpy coal/wet and muddy/sticky/ inferior quality extraneous materials/stone etc.	
SECL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
MCL	8	3	1	NIL	12	Lumpy coal/wet & muddy/sticky/ foreign extraneous materials/stones etc.	
NEC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	